

## Fact Sheet on Wisconsin Women's Health and Demography

This fact sheet was prepared in May 2004 by the Bureau of Health Information, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, to provide basic health and demographic statistics about women in Wisconsin. Topics include population characteristics such as age and race/ethnicity; health insurance coverage and health care utilization; births; leading causes of death; cancer cases and screening; and behavioral risk factors.

### POPULATION

- Female population, Wisconsin, 2000: 2,714,634
- Women 18 and older: 2,047,583

**Table 1. Female Population by Age, Wisconsin, 2000**

	Total	<18	18-44	45-64	65-74	75+
Number	2,714,634	667,051	1,039,143	597,397	190,926	220,117
Percent	100%	25%	38%	22%	7%	8%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000.

### Race and Ethnicity

**Table 2. Female Population by Race and Ethnicity, Wisconsin, 2000**

	Number	Percent
White	2,416,977	89%
Black/African American	157,254	6
American Indian	23,766	1
Asian	44,693	2
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	794	<1
Other Race	37,958	1
Two or More Races	33,192	1
Total	2,714,634	100%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	88,398	3%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000.

### Living Arrangements

**Table 3. Family Households, Wisconsin, 2000**

Type of Family Household*	Percent
Married Couple	80%
Female Householder, Children	10
Female Householder, No Child	4
All Other Family Households*	6
Total	100%

Number of Family Households 1,386,815

Source: U.S. Census, 2000.

\*Family households are households with at least two related people. "All Other Family Households" have a male householder, with or without children present.

#### Percent of Wisconsin women living alone:

- Among 15-64 year olds: 9%
- Among 65+ year olds: 38%

## HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION

**Table 4. Percentage of Women Uninsured, Wisconsin, 2002**

Age	Percent Currently Uninsured	Percent Uninsured at Any Time in the Past Year
18-29	9%	17%
30-49	6	11
50-64	7	10
65+	--	1
All Women	6%	10%

-- 0.5 percent or less.

- Percent of women with regular source of care\*: 96%
- Percent of women who had physical exam during previous year: 69%
- Percent of women who saw dentist during previous year: 76%

\*Regular source of care: "Is there one particular clinic, health center, doctor's office or other place that you yourself usually go to if you are sick or need advice about your health?"

Source: Family Health Survey, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

## BIRTHS, 2002

- Number of births: 68,510
- Crude birth rate: 12.6 births per 1,000 population
- General fertility rate: 58.7 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years
- Births per woman:\*\* 1.9 births
- Teen birth rate: 32.2 births per 1,000 females aged 15-19 years
- Percent of births to unmarried women: 30%
- Percent of births with first-trimester prenatal care: 82%
- Percent of births with third-trimester prenatal care or none: 3%
- Percent of births delivered by cesarean section: 21%
- Percent of births paid for by Medicaid: 41%

\*\* Births per woman (the total fertility rate) is the number of births a woman would have if she experienced 2002 age-specific fertility rates throughout her childbearing years.

Sources: All birth data except Medicaid percentage are taken from Wisconsin resident birth certificates, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services. Medicaid percentage is from linked file of birth, infant death, hospitalization and Medicaid eligibility data, Bureau of Health Information.

## CHRONIC DISEASE AND RISK FACTORS FOR CHRONIC DISEASE

**Table 5. Leading Cause of Deaths Among Females, Wisconsin, 2002**

Cause of Death	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	6,396	27%
Cancer	5,252	22
Cerebrovascular Disease	2,098	9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	1,165	5
Alzheimer's	967	4
Accidents	919	4
Influenza and Pneumonia	716	3
Diabetes	691	3
All other	5,779	24
Total	23,983	100%

Source: Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. *Wisconsin Deaths, 2002*, Table 13, page 31.

## Cancer Cases and Screening

**Table 6. Reported Cancer Cases Among Wisconsin Women, Selected Sites, Annual Averages 1996-2000**

	All sites	Breast	Colon and Rectum	Lung	Uterine	Cervical
Number	11,831	3,746	1,559	1,385	767	264
Percent	100%	32%	13%	12%	6%	2%

Source: Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System, Department of Health and Family Services, as reported in *Wisconsin Cancer Facts and Figures, 2004*, American Cancer Society, Table 1, page 11.

- Among women age 50 or older, percent in 2002 who reported screening during previous year:  
Mammogram: 66%  
Clinical breast exam: 73%  
Both: 57%
- Among women age 18 or older, percent in 2002 who had a Pap Smear within the last three years (excludes women who had a hysterectomy): 86%

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

## Behavioral Risk Factors

**Table 7. Percent of Women Who Smoke Cigarettes, by Age, Wisconsin, 2002**

Age	Percent who Smoke
18-24	29%
25-34	26
35-44	26
45-54	22
55+	12
All women	21%

- Percent of women overweight\* in 2002: 48%
- Percent of women in 2002 who reported having:
  - 60+ drinks during the past month: 6%
  - 5+ drinks on one occasion: 14%
  - Driven after too much to drink: 2%

\* Overweight is defined by the Body Mass Index (BMI), a calculation (weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) using self-reported height and weight. A BMI greater than 25 is considered overweight.

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.